

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A process for recovery of sodium thiocyanate from industrial process solution containing ~~undesirable a color imparting ion, at least one component selected from the group consisting of β -sulfo propionic acid and β -sulfo propionitrile, and optionally at least one of components such as an organic compound, an or inorganic compound, eomponents, color imparting ions and a bivalent salt salts~~ by membrane based nanofiltration technique, said process comprising the steps of: passing the industrial process solution as a feed solution through a nanofiltration member with simultaneous application of positive pressure to provide a pass solution and a permeate solution, wherein the permeate solution is substantially devoid of the ~~at least one component and the color imparting ion, undesirable components~~ and evaporating the permeate solution to obtain sodium thiocyanate.
2. (Currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the feed solution contains ~~undesired components of the bivalent salt, the color imparting ion, ions and other the organic compound, and the inorganic compound eomponents~~.
3. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the feed solution contains sodium thiocyanate in a concentration in excess of 100 gpl.
4. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the feed solution contains sodium thiocyanate in a concentration between 110 gpl and 120 gpl.
5. (canceled)
6. (Currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 wherein the ~~process solution comprises at least two of the organic compound, the inorganic compound , and the bivalent salt desired component in permeate is sodium thiocyanate.~~

7. (Currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the process comprises ~~may comprise of~~ multiple stages wherein the pass solution from a previous stage is diluted using distilled water and used as feed solution for a next stage.
8. (Currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1 ~~and or~~ claim 7, wherein the feed solution or the diluted pass solution is passed through one or more nanofiltration membrane modules connected in series so as to produce second and/or subsequent pass solutions, consecutively, which are then finally disposed.
9. (Currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the nanofiltration membrane used is selected from the group consisting of a cellulose triacetate membrane, a polyamide membrane, and a hydrophilised polyamide membrane.
10. (Currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the nanofiltration membrane has an active membrane area of about 1m^2 .
11. (Currently amended) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the pressure applied to the feed solution at the time of passing the feed solution same through the nanofiltration membrane is equal to or greater than an osmotic pressure difference between the feed/pass solution on one side and the permeate solution of the other side of the membrane.
12. (Original) A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the process is operated under flux whose value is in the range of 25 to $40\text{ Lm}^2\text{hr}^{-1}$.